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SUBJECT: JUNE 20 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT BIPARTISAN SENATE GROUP, HEADED BY SENATORS RIBICOFF AND BAKER, URGED U.S. TO EXPORT NUCLEAR POWER TO ISRAEL, EGYPT AND IRAN DESPITE DOUBTS ABOUT SPREAD OF ATOMIC WEAPONS TO THOSE COUNTRIES. GROUP VISITED MIDDLE EAST LAST YEAR AND IN 55-PAGE REPORT RELEASED JUNE 19 SAID RECOMMENDED ACTION WOULD ADVANCE U.S. OBJECTIVES IN HALTING SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO MIDDLE EAST. CONCEDING THAT ONLY IRAN HAD SIGNED NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, ELEVEN OF 12 SENATORS SAID THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT U.S. SHOULD CONDITION NUCLEAR EXPORT TO ISRAEL AND EGYPT ON THEIR SIGNING AND RATIFYING TREATY. ELEVEN ALSO SAID THEY DO NOT BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD CONDITION EXPORT TO ISRAEL ON ITS PLACING NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR AT DIMONA UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS. SENATOR GLENN IN TWO-PAGE DISSENT SAID "FAILURE TO INSIST ON SAFEGUARDS FOR DIMONA AS CONDITION TO SUPPLY OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR MATERIAL TO ISRAEL IS BOUND TO ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR NONPROLIFERATION
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OBJECTIVES." GLENN SAID U.S. SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REDRAFT PROPOSED AGREEMENTS WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT. SENATORS TWICE DENIED PERMISSION LAST NOVEMBER TO VISIT DIMONA WHICH WAS BUILT FOR ISRAEL BY FRANCE IN 1963 WITHOUT PROVISIONS AGAINST DIVERTING REACTOR PLUTONIUM TO ATOMIC WEAPONS, POST NOTED. SENATE REPORT SAID DIMONA COULD PRODUCE THIRTEEN POUNDS OF PLUTONIUM EVERY YEAR, FIVE POUNDS LESS THAN

NEEDED TO MAKE BOMB."

2. NEW YORK TIMES AND BALTIMORE SUN PUBLISHED ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW BASED ON COMMENTARY IN PRAVDA ACCUSING U.S. OF "PREPARING SOIL FOR NEW DANGEROUS SPIRAL IN ARMS RACE" UNDER PRETEXT OF PROTECTING WEST AND GUARANTEEING HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND WORLD. AP SAID COMMENTARY "MIRRORED GROWING CONCERN IN SOVIET PRESS OVER NEW AMERICAN MILITARY PROGRAMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY PRESIDENT CARTER." PRAVDA COMMENTATOR YEVGENY GRIGORIEV QUOTED UNNAMED AMERICAN OFFICIAL AS SAYING U.S. CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES HAD BEEN EFFECTIVE IN GETTING WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DEFENSE UNDER BANNER OF NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

3. FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK, IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT INTERVIEW, SAID PROBLEM OF ENERGY SUPPLIES IS POTENTIAL NEW CAUSE OF WAR. WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED REUTER DISPATCH ON INTERVIEW. RUSK, NOTING SCHLESINGER STATEMENT THAT OIL AND GAS WOULD RUN OUT IN 30 TO 40 YEARS, SAID "LONG BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, NATIONS OF WORLD ARE GOING TO BE AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS FOR ENERGY SUPPLIES."

4. WASHINGTON POST SAID SECRETARY VANCE, APPEARING ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS," EMPHASIZED AMERICA'S DEEP COMMITMENT

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TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH ARMS NECESSARY FOR ITS SELF-DEFENSE, BUT REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER U.S. WOULD GO TO WAR TO SAVE ISRAEL IN FIFTH MIDDLE EAST WAR. VANCE

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